

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Brandt Snedeker,
2012 FedEx Cup Champion.

WHEREAS, it was with immense pride that the members of this General Assembly watched Brandt Snedeker of Nashville capture the 2012 Tour Championship to claim the title of FedEx Cup Champion; and

WHEREAS, carding a score of -10 under to win the golf tournament, Brandt Snedeker claimed the tour victory and the \$10,000,000 prize to end the regular golf season, propelling himself to a captain's choice selection on the 2012 U.S. Ryder Cup team; and

WHEREAS, born on December 8, 1980, in Nashville, Brandt Snedeker attended Montgomery Bell Academy and is a 2004 graduate of Vanderbilt University where he was a member of the golf team and the Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Order; and

WHEREAS, the first golfer in Vanderbilt history to be named an All-American, Mr. Snedeker was chosen as a second team All-American in 2002 and was named a first team All-American in 2003; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 U.S. Amateur Public Links champion and a member of the 2003 Palmer Cup team, Mr. Snedeker enjoys a natural kinship to golf as he was introduced to the game by his maternal grandmother who managed a golf course in Missouri; and

WHEREAS, turning professional in 2004, Brandt Snedeker found success on the Nationwide Tour, winning the Showdown at Somerby and the Permian Basin Charity Golf Classic, and recording two runner ups and twelve Top 10 finishes before earning a spot on the Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour in 2007; and

WHEREAS, making a quick splash on the PGA Tour, Mr. Snedeker shot a course record 61 in the first round of the Buick Invitational in January 2007 and won his first PGA Tour event

that summer at the Wyndham Championship as he steadily climbed the world golf rankings and the PGA money list; and

WHEREAS, named the PGA Tour Rookie of the Year for 2007, Brand Snedeker entered twenty-nine events and made twenty-three cuts, including one win, a third place finish, six Top 10 finishes, and thirteen Top 25 finishes to earn \$2,836,643 in prize money for 17th place on the final money list and 47th place in the world golf rankings; and

WHEREAS, 2008 would see Mr. Snedeker record his first Top 10 in a major at the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia, and follow that success up at the 2008 U.S. Open, flashing his instinctive and sure putting stroke on the greens; and

WHEREAS, despite battling injuries and health issues during the 2009 and 2010 season, Brandt Snedeker continued to play exceptional golf when healthy, recording Top 10 finishes at the John Deer Classic, the RBC Canadian Open, the Wyndham Championship, and the Deutsche Bank Championship during that two year period; and

WHEREAS, 2011 saw Mr. Snedeker win his second PGA Tour event as he won The Heritage, shooting a 64 to close the gap from six shots back on Sunday to tie Luke Donald and then take the victory in a sudden-death playoff on the third hole; and

WHEREAS, reaching 38th in the world golf rankings, Brandt Snedeker finished the 2011 season ranked 14th on the money list and looked forward to an improved 2012 after undergoing elective surgery on his right hip in November to address a degenerative issue; and

WHEREAS, starting off the season with a bang, he claimed his third PGA Tour victory at the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines and thus vaulted his placement in the world golf rankings to the 20th position; and

WHEREAS, in the PGA Tour FedEx Cup playoff events, Brandt Snedeker's resolute focus and torrid putting put him into contention to win the overall title as he finished second at The Barclays and fifth at the Deutsche Bank Championship to advance to the TOUR Championship event; and

WHEREAS, needing a victory to vault over Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy for the top prize, Brandt Snedeker proved up to the challenge and with steadfast composure under

pressure won the tournament to thrill his family and friends, proud Nashvillians, and golf fans everywhere; and

WHEREAS, now ranked among the Top 10 golfer's in the world, Brandt Snedeker joined the pantheon of America's greatest golfers as his remarkable 2012 season was capped by his selection as a captain's pick to be a member of the U.S. Ryder Cup team, an esteemed and prestigious honor; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his family, Brandt Snedeker enjoys the love and support of his wife, Mandy, and they are the proud parents of two treasured children, daughter Lilly and son Austin; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize and commend this esteemed gentleman golfer and true son of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Brandt Snedeker, 2012 FedEx Cup Champion, on his extraordinary championship season, congratulate him upon selection to his first Ryder Cup team, and wish him much continued success in all his endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.